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## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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Please reply to: FH/KH

December 10, 1974

Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region X
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Dear Sir:

We have reviewed the draft NPDES Permit for the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service operated hatcheries:

WA-000021-3	Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery, Cook	Columbia River
WA-000190-2	Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery, Leavenworth	Columbia River
WA-000050-1	Abernathy Salmon Cultural Laboratory, Longview	Columbia River
WA-000191-1	Quinault National Fish Hatchery, Quinault	Pacific Ocean
WA-000022-1	Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery, Underwood	Columbia River
WA-000188-1	Entiat National Fish Hatchery, Entiat	Columbia River
WA-000019-1	Willard National Fish Hatchery, Cook	Columbia River
WA-000107-2	Quilcene National Fish Hatchery, Quilcene	Hood Canal



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WA-000259-3

Winthrop National Fish Hatchery,

Columbia River

Winthrop

WA-000020-5

Carson National Fish Hatchery,

Columbia River

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Effluent limits in the permits are satisfactory, but we do request that the reporting requirements in the Schedule of Compliance, sections a, (Report of preliminary plan by November 30, 1974), b, (Submit preliminary plan by December 31, 1974), and c, (Report of progress by March 31, 1975) be extended a reasonable time period beyond final permit issuance. In addition, the first quarterly reporting period should be extended beyond December 31, 1974 to allow for a full quarterly reporting period following issuance of final permits.

All other conditions in the permits appear satisfactory with the exception of "removed substances". Water borne silt, sand and other debris settling out in fish culturing ponds represents an infinitesimal quantity of that occurring during river flood, and yet will in many cases consume a major portion of our pollution abatement.

Acting Regional Director